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R9 Emergency Preparedness & Response Update

California/Baja California & Arizona/Sonora

Inland Joint Response Team Meeting
September 1, 2009 – South Padre Island, Texas

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Baja
California



Sonora



Chihuahua



Coahuila



Nuevo León Tamaulipas

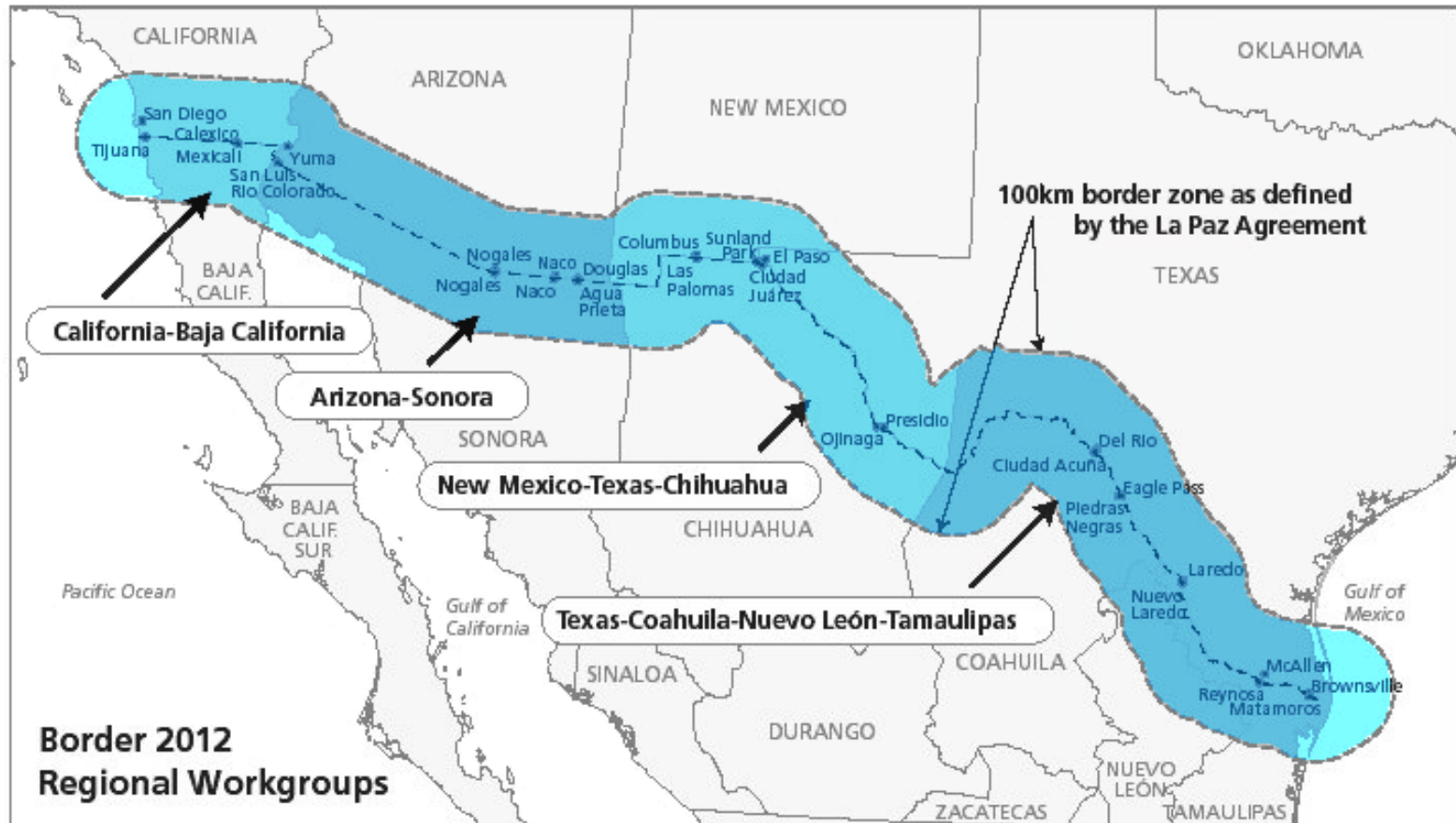


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U.S.-Mexico Border Region



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Task Force Workgroup Recent Initiatives



- **Task Force Meetings & Preparedness Events**
 - **San Diego/Tijuana Task Force Meeting + Mercury Refresher Training (Aug. 26, 2009 in San Diego, CA)**
 - ***Building on bi-national mercury response in Calexico, Cal. & Mexicali, Baja California (Feb. 2009)***

Task Force Workgroup Recent Initiatives



■ Task Force Meetings & Preparedness Events

- Arizona/Sonora Task Force Meeting + IED Training & IMT Development Workshop (Sept. 8-9, 2009 in Nogales, Sonora & Nogales, AZ)
 - *Building on after-action items identified during the Nogales, AZ/Nogales, SON Integrated Emergency Management Course at FEMA's Emmittsburg Institute (Feb. 2009)*

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- **Task Force Meetings & Preparedness Events**
 - **Imperial County/Mexicali/Yuma/San Luis Rio Colorado (Four Sister City) Task Force Meeting + Final 2 of 4 weeks of Hazardous Materials Technician Training (Fall 2009)**
 - ***Building on first two weeks of four-week technician-level hazardous material response training, previously provided to Mexicali and San Luis Rio Colorado first responders through EPA/NORTHCOM collaboration***

Task Force Workgroup Recent Initiatives



- **Task Force Meetings & Training/Exercises**
 - **San Diego/Tijuana Task Force Meeting + Bio-fuels Response Training (Feb. 13, 2009 in San Diego, CA)**
 - **Sonora/Arizona Task Force Meeting + Bi-National Communications Drill with Flood Scenario (Oct. 28, 2008 in Rio Rico, AZ)**
 - **Sister City Plan revisions**

BECC Grants Program



■ Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) Grants

- FY 08 grants totaled over 200K to San Diego County, Proteccion Civil Tijuana, Proteccion Civil Sonora, and Douglas, AZ Fire Dept. for hazmat training & exercises
- FY 09 grant awards will be announced in mid-September
Proposed projects include:
 - ER Training for Maquiladora Workers (AZ State University)
 - On-line Chemical Inventory Reporting (AZ SERC)
 - Sister City ER Planning (San Diego County, PC Tijuana)
 - Mercury Release Prevention (San Diego County CUPA)
 - Monitoring of Southbound Haz Waste (DTSC Imperial CUPA)

NORTHCOM Collaboration

Preparedness Activities



- EPA/US NORTHCOM Collaboration
 - Building Partnership Capacity \$500,000 each year for three years
 - \$ 250,000 for hazardous materials technician training for Mexican border responders
 - \$ 250,000 for hazmat response equipment

NORTHCOM Collaboration

Preparedness Activities



■ EPA/US NORTHCOM Collaboration

- FY 08/09 Funding: Tijuana, Mexicali/San Luis Rio Colorado, Nogales, Ciudad Juarez, Acuna
- FY 09/10 Funding: Mexicali/San Luis Rio Colorado, Matamoros, Reynosa, Nuevo Laredo, Piedras Negras

NORTHCOM Collaboration

Preparedness Activities



■ EPA/US NORTHCOM Collaboration

■ **Spotlight: Tijuana Hazmat Training**

- Final 2 of 4 weeks of hazmat technician training
April 27th – May 8th
- 15 Tijuana firefighters certified by CalEMA as
Hazardous Material Technicians





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NORTHCOM Collaboration

Equipment Transfers



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■ EPA/US NORTHCOM Collaboration

■ **Spotlight: Nogales Transfer Ceremony**

■ May 28th in Nogales, Sonora

■ Presided over by:

- Eduardo Bours, Governor, State of Sonora
- Rafael Pacheco, Mayor, City of Nogales, Sonora
- Ana Lucia Hill, General Director, Proteccion Civil Mexico
- Willebaldo Alatraste, Director, Proteccion Civil Sonora
- Barbara Maco, EPA International Liaison, USNORTHCOM
- Lorena Lopez-Powers, EPA San Diego Border Office







NORTHCOM Collaboration

Knowledge Exchanges



- **EPA/US NORTHCOM Collaboration**
 - **Building Partnership Capacity Knowledge Exchanges - \$ 200,000 to EPA Regions 6 and 9**

 - **\$100,000 to EPA Region 9 to support two events**
 - **\$ 50,000 each for CA/BC and AZ/SON**
 - **Preliminary design discussions at upcoming Task Force meetings**
 - **Target date – 3rd quarter FY 10 (Apr – June 2010)**

US-Mexico Border Bi-national Governmental Collaboration



- Partners:
 - Border Sister Cities
 - Mexico's Protección Civil Federal (PC)
 - La Procuraduría Federal de Protección al Ambiente
 - US-Mexico Border Governors Emergency Management and Civil Protection Worktable
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - U.S. NORTHCOM
 - U.S. Agency for International Development
 - U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency



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